

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 527 - HB 1779**

March 18, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires emergency services provided to uninsured persons or persons receiving such emergency services from facilities not contracted with a health benefit plan to be paid at the same rate as those services are paid by the federal Medicaid program. The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance shall have the authority to ensure such payments are appropriately made.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000**

Assumption:

- The Division of Insurance is not currently involved in regulating the collection of payments for emergency services.
- An increase in staff and related operational expenses to implement and monitor the provisions of this bill.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director